

VILLAGE OF TONY

ORDINANCE NO. 2026-03-01

AN ORDINANCE REGULATING THE KEEPING OF CHICKENS WITHIN THE VILLAGE OF TONY

Section 1. Purpose

The purpose of this ordinance is to allow for the keeping of a limited number of backyard chickens within the Village of Tony while ensuring the health, safety, and welfare of residents, maintaining neighborhood harmony, and preventing nuisances.

Section 2. Definitions

For the purposes of this ordinance:

1. **Chicken** means a domesticated female hen of the species *Gallus gallus domesticus*.
2. **Rooster** means a male chicken.
3. **Coop** means a fully enclosed structure used for housing chickens.
4. **Run** means a fenced outdoor enclosure attached to or adjacent to a coop.
5. **Permit** means written authorization issued by the Village of Tony allowing the keeping of chickens.

Section 3. Type of Chickens Allowed

1. **Roosters are prohibited** due to noise concerns.
2. Chickens shall be kept for personal use only. Commercial breeding, sales, or slaughtering operations are prohibited.

Section 4. Location and Setbacks

1. Coops and runs must be located in the rear yard only.
2. Coops and runs shall be set back at least:
 1. **25 feet** from any neighboring dwelling;
 2. **10 feet** from any property line;
 3. **30 feet** from any well or water source.
3. Chickens shall not be allowed to roam freely outside the coop or run.

Section 5. Coop and Run Standards

1. Coops must be:
 1. Secure, weather-tight, and predator-proof;
 2. Properly ventilated;
 3. Maintained in a clean and sanitary condition;
 4. Sized to provide at least **3 square feet per chicken** inside the coop.

2. Runs must provide at least 10 square feet per chicken and be fully enclosed with fencing or netting.
3. Feed must be stored in rodent-proof containers.

Section 6. Sanitation and Nuisance Prevention

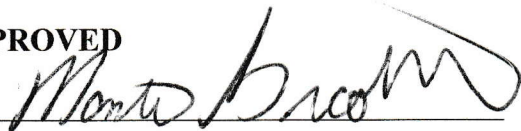
1. Manure shall be removed regularly and disposed of in a sanitary manner.
2. Coops and runs must be maintained to prevent odors detectable beyond the property line.
3. The keeping of chickens shall not create noise, odor, or health nuisances.
4. Dead chickens must be disposed of promptly and in accordance with state regulations.

Section 7. Slaughtering

Slaughtering of chickens is prohibited outdoors and must not be visible from neighboring properties or public areas.

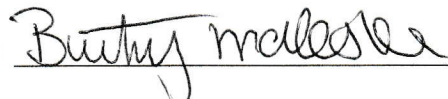
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